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To Whom It May Concern,

The American Samoa Telecommunications Authority (ASTCA) kindly requests your support to grant a waiver for FY2018 Form 471 deadline, and further appeal the Out-Of Window Notification for FY2018 so that our Form 471 E-rate application will be considered as having been filed within the window. The Form was submitted November 27, 2018.

Due to natural disaster (Cyclone Gita in February 2018), the untimely passing of our Chief Executive Officer (Mr. Pulelei'ite Li'a Tufele in May 2018), prompting organizational re-structure and re-assignments.

Department Of Education (DOE) implemented new filing processes which were impacted with the arrival of Cyclone Gita. Schools were shut down for more than a week. DOE's new process impinged on the timely submission of information/data to ASTCA.



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The passing of our CEO was unexpected and sudden. This required quick shuffling of roles, responsibilities, with a steady pulse-check on the team. There was minimal time for cross-checking during these challenging times. New personnel was assigned to process, maintain and take control of FCC filings due to unsatisfactory results from previous member.

In light of the reasons above, we respectfully request the FCC view these extenuating circumstances as good cause to waive the Form 471 deadline for this application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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